

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

We give editorial space on this page for a clipping from the Raleigh Evening Times on "Commencements Cost." It strikes us that there are many good suggestions in the editorial expressions by this bright afternoon daily from our capital city.

With the high price of corn now prevailing, no farmer can afford to take chances on next year's success by failing to raise corn on his own farm for his teams. Plant corn now. It is a good season for it, and a few extra acres in corn will greatly help the supply for next year. Let every farmer be sure to make his own corn on his own farm.

People have been talking about "dirty politics" for generations, and we presume that there will be such talk for a good part of another generation period at least. While most of the politicians are perhaps entirely above small things, every now and then we may expect some one to deviate in politics a little. It has long been so and will long be so still.

The following quotation from some Virginia paper is going the rounds of the press and is too true to be left out of THE COMMONWEALTH: "The man who handles the local department of a newspaper learns after due experience not to expect even briefly expressed thanks from a column of pleasant things, but he knoweth, as surely as cometh the winter, that a single line in which there is an unintentional representation will cause some one to be heard from as if from a house top. And we may add that when he has made pleasant mention 999 times of some person, place or thing, but on the thousandth time fails to do so, he must not expect to be forgotten. The omission may have been from accident, inadvertence or even an entire lack of knowledge. It matters not. The simple fact remains and he will be judged by that."

Halifax News Budget.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)
Halifax, N. C., May 26, 1908.
Mr. Ferrell McMahon, of Norfolk, was on our streets Friday and Saturday.

Dr. E. F. Fenner, of Henderson, was here last week and a day or two this week to see his sick father.

Miss Elizabeth Fenner spent last Friday in Tillery.

Miss Virginia Hale who has been teaching for some time at Hobgood has come home for her well earned vacation.

Mr. J. H. Fenner has been very ill for some days. Dr's Baker, of Tarboro and Ferree, of Raleigh, spent some days last week at his bedside. He is reported better at this writing.

Presiding Elder W. S. Rone of the Warrenton District filled an appointment here Sunday, preaching a very powerful, instructive and helpful sermon.

The 2nd quarterly conference met in session on Monday morning at the residence of Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Albion Dunn, chairman of the Halifax County Anti-Saloon League, delivered an excellent address here on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 to a good size audience. Mr. Dunn spoke for about an hour, outlining and detailing in consecutive order the evils of the whiskey traffic, proving absolutely to all conservative and conscientious voters the necessity and advisability of voting it from the State. We thank Mr. Dunn for his speech.

There was a temperance rally at the Methodist church on Sunday night by the Sunday-school children which was well rendered and very favorably received.

W. F. COPPEDE.

PROHIBITION!



NORTH CAROLINA DRY.

A Triumphant Victory for State-wide Prohibition.

MAJORITY PROBABLY FIFTY THOUSAND.

At this writing it is impossible to gather accurate reports from the prohibition election yesterday, but North Carolina has gone dry, and prohibition has won a great victory.

The latest reports show that the prohibition majority will probably be fifty thousand.

HALIFAX COUNTY'S VOTE.

Returns have been secured from all but one township in Halifax county as follows:

TOWNSHIPS.	DRY	WET
Brinkleyville.....	74	108
Butterwood.....		
Conocoanara.....	16	15
Enfield.....	198	99
Faucetts.....	52	78
Halifax.....	64	29
Hobgood.....	31	55
Littleton.....	113	53
Palmyra.....	11	22
Roseneath.....	17	60
Roanoke Rapids.....	151	101
Scotland Neck.....	162	113
Weldon.....	228	9
Total.....	1,117	742

With the returns at hand and a conservative estimate for the township not heard from, it seems safe to say that the county has given a prohibition majority of 350 to 375.

Announcement was made through the News and Observer today (Wednesday) that the majority for prohibition when full returns are made up will be between forty and fifty thousand.

The Roseneath Rally.

On Thursday, May 21st, there was a prohibition rally at Roseneath. Dr. D. B. Zollieffer, of Weldon, and Dr. W. D. Morton, of Rocky Mount, were the speakers of the occasion. They were presented to the audience by the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH. They delivered strong and telling addresses for prohibition.

After the speaking the large gathering of people enjoyed a most bountiful dinner of barbecue, ham and other good things prepared by the citizens of Roseneath section and tastily served by the ladies of the community.

It was a pleasant occasion for all who attended, many people from Scotland Neck being present.

Hon. Claude Kitchin Nominated the Fourth Time.

At the Congressional Convention in Kinston last Thursday, Hon. Claude Kitchin was renominated by acclamation.

This is a high compliment to Mr. Kitchin, showing that his constituents have confidence in him and are glad to have him continue to represent them in the nation's counsel chamber.

Mr. Kitchin is one of the most brilliant of the younger members of Congress, and has made a splendid representative.

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Southern Cotton Association.

The regular meeting of Halifax county division of the Southern Cotton Association will be held in Halifax next Monday, June 1st.

It is hoped that all the townships in the county will be represented. It is important that the acreage and condition of the cotton crop be given.

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SOME TIMELY OBSERVATIONS.

Commencements Cost.

(Raleigh Times.)

North Carolina is a state of schools and Raleigh is a city of schools. There is no city of equal population anywhere in which the various phases of student life, both scholastic and athletic and social, arouse more interest or receive a more generous sympathy and support. The commencement season is a period of the year that makes its ready appeal to every man and woman who believes in the proper training and preparation of the succeeding generation for the business and public problems of the day to be. The special schools that have chosen to locate in the city cannot complain that they suffer from any want of sympathy and encouragement from Raleigh's townspeople, and the public schools found, after the taxpayers had suddenly given them the cold shoulder for once, that certain local patriots were willing to go down into their pockets and produce the imperative coin to operate the grades until the close of the term as a cheerful piece of private benevolence. And yet, this commencement season has an uncomfortable side, as plenty of good men and women know, for the parents or others charged with the obligation of defraying the expenses of boys and girls about to take a slip of sheepskin and walk out into the world with it. As the years run on the father and mother with boys and girls to be schooled begin to realize it costs a good bit of money to graduate in the manner in which the young folks like, or rather expect, to be graduated. The money equation is a little more every year. No longer will the largest bill of less than two figures do the honors for a boy or girl leaving the school-room. As one good practical citizen said, "It seems as though everything connected with this commencement business had to be a matter of not less than a five spot. And some of the indispensable items come to several times that. The boy has to have at least a double ten for his suit. The girl generally inclines to the tendency of her sex for good clothes and a dress that comes to much less than that won't suit. And then, there are the incidentals—the class supper, and pictures, and presents to this, that and the other. The last two months of school there's some kind of expense every day. No right-minded man will begrudge his children the legitimate expenses of graduating respectably, with everything that is needed to make a reasonably good appearance and avoid the tendency to be niggardly about one of the most important days of the youngster's life; but all the same the fact remains that it's a costly experience for the fellow with a good old-fashioned family of children and the ambition to put them all through school somehow, and there are men in Raleigh who don't get on their feet for six months because of these commencement expenses."

There is a large chunk of truth in the observation of this man who has been quoted. On a conservative estimate, it costs from \$25 the \$50 to graduate a boy or girl the way they are graduated now. The good old days of brushing up the Sunday suit that did service for best all winter, or maybe was brand new at Easter, are days that will never return. And the day when the graduate could go through the commencement ordeal without chipping in for all the little side touches of his classmates and yet not get himself disliked by the whole lot of them has likewise passed. To use the cheap expression which is, just the same, the most expressive expression that can be brought into the argument, he must be in the swim, and to be in the swim he must spend money or have somebody spend it for him. There are scores of families in Raleigh whose income does not go beyond \$600 a year and who are trying on that moderate stipend to give the boys and girls a more liberal session with the books than the father and mother were able to get a quarter of a century or so before. The cost of living is high. The necessities of life are many of them luxuries now, when one comes to think of the depletion that exists in the family treasury after they have been paid for. The \$600 family cannot afford \$50, or even half that sum, for the boy or girl to graduate. It would not be the worst plan in the world another year for the young folks to take the matter into their own hands and decide that diplomans mean just as much when received by a boy or girl whose graduation fixings and "extras" have cost a sum within the reach of the average family's purse as when handed to one whose graduation day outlay has been on such a luxurious scale that father and mother, and perhaps brothers and sisters, must scrimp and economize a good many days to catch up necessary household bills that have had to wait on account of this commencement strain.

Mr. King at Hobgood.

Last Saturday the temperance workers of Hobgood held a meeting at the public school house near Mr. King White's.

One pleasing feature of the day was a contest amongst some boys and girls for a prohibition medal. Their recitations and declamations were fine. Rev. J. T. King, Prof. C. W. Wilson and the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH acted as judges of the contest, and they decided to award two medals. Master Hubert Jenkins and Miss Hazel Armstrong tied in the contest, so the committee awarded a medal to each. There being only one medal in hand it was given to Master Hubert Jenkins, and another was ordered for Miss Hazel Armstrong.

After the contest by the children, Rev. J. T. King, of Winterville, delivered a most masterful prohibition address. It was said by a number of persons that it had not been surpassed by any address they had heard except the address delivered in Scotland Neck by Mrs. Curtis, of Sherman, Texas. Mr. King did much strong and effective work in the prohibition campaign.

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He spoke at Hobgood again Saturday afternoon.

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Spring Hill Album.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.)

Spring Hill, May 26, 1908.

Mrs. Jessie Hardy, of Tillery, visited Miss Bettie Parks last week.

Miss Laura Riddick visited relatives in Jamesville last week.

Miss Anna Marks and Mr. Howard Twisdale attended service at Dawsons Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Pope and Mrs. India Parks attended services at Dawsons Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Whitmore, of Norfleet, visited Mr. E. A. Lilley Sunday.

Messrs. E. W. and F. R. Pope attended service at Dawsons Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Fleming, of Norfleet, went to Tillery on business Saturday.

Mr. Alvin Twisdale went to Tillery on business Saturday.

Miss Ella Lilley is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Medford this week.

Miss Irene Parks visited friends at Dawsons Sunday.

Messrs. C. A. Lilley and W. H. Vanlandingham, visited friends near Oak City Sunday.

Mr. Joseph B. Lilly visited his sister, Mrs. W. H. Medford Sunday.

Mr. P. A. Riddick, of Tillery, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bunnting visited Mrs. E. A. Lilley Sunday.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 82,481.95
Overdrafts.....	2,138.16
All other stocks, etc.....	8,500.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,025.00
Due from banks, etc.....	12,477.39
Cash items.....	255.84
Gold coin.....	1,000.00
Silver coin, etc.....	1,263.55
National bank notes, etc.....	3,952.00
Total.....	\$113,063.89

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided profits, etc.....	6,375.47
Dividends unpaid.....	182.00
Bills payable.....	17,500.00
Time certificates deposit.....	14,164.16
Deposits subject to check.....	49,709.60
Cashier's cks outstanding.....	20.16
Bond tax.....	112.50
Total.....	\$113,063.89

State of North Carolina,
ss.
I, Frank P. Shields, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. SHIELDS,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 25th day of May, 1908.
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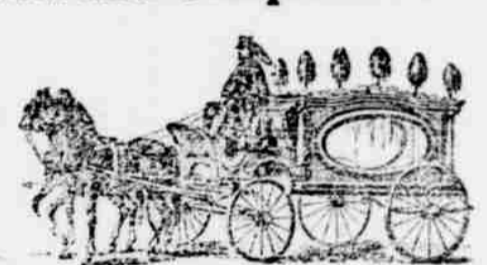
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